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Among the mistakes of Moses we are not much inclined these days to include his interdict against pork.

We would not be at all surprised to learn that a good portion of the missing police relief funds in St. Louis went into the Democratic campaign funds in years gone by.

The Bryan general election method has been adopted by the Oklahoma legislature. So far none of Mr. Bryan's election methods have brought him success in politics; but then he is not an old man yet.

The Ironton Register says that a friend has presented the editor of that paper with a lot of old-fashioned backbone. We have always been under the impression that nature gave Bro. Ake an abundant supply of that article.

A St. Louis labor leader thinks Christ would be a union man were he to come back to earth. Perhaps, but we hardly believe he would carry it so far as to throw bricks at the street cars. "Let him who is without sin throw the first stone," was his injunction.

Strikes and rumors of strikes fill the news columns of the daily press of late, so it may be accepted that there is trouble ahead for both labor and capital. The settlement of these disputes should no longer be left to principals involved therein, the interest of the public, in many instances, rises above that of both the contending elements. Whenever a strike occurs it should be the function of the state or federal governments to take hold of the situation in the interest of public welfare and safety, particularly if the strike involves the public utilities. It should always be remembered that it is neither by capital or labor that such institutions subsist, but by the necessities of the people, and neither capital or labor has the right to check or suspend them. Call this what you please, it is nevertheless the fundamental law of social progress—the rights of the people above all private interests.

Henry Ziegenhein, former mayor of St. Louis, and who, while he occupied that office, did not care whether the street lights burned or not, as long as "we got a moon yet," died suddenly in that city last Thursday. His death recalls other things besides the fact that he was mayor of St. Louis, it carries us back to the time when he was a candidate for congress in this district, or rather, when this county was part of the old Tenth district. Not many of us perhaps will remember him in this connection. It was back vander in the distant time when a Republican running for congress in this part of the state was regarded more as political curiosity than a real candidate for such honors. We believe Martin L. Clardy was the Democratic nominee that year. The slogan, "Was is loss mit Ziegenhein," didn't draw in that campaign as it did a few years later when he ran for mayor. He was no speech maker, but sat bravely on view during his campaign here, while such spellbinders as B. B. Caboon of Fredericktown, and J. B. Whitledge of St. Mary's whooped 'em up for "Uncle Henry." He was a good man of his type, peace to his ashes.

There is a bill before congress to authorize the issue of \$30,000,000 certificates of indebtedness to carry out national irrigation projects in the west. It will be remembered that many years ago the Democratic party in Missouri took out of the state treasury several million dollars in cash belonging to the state school and seminary funds and substituted instead certificates of indebtedness to the same amount. It has never been definitely stated to what purpose this cash was employed, but presumably in the aid of some Democratic "irrigation" scheme. Democratic schemes in Missouri always ran smoother when liberally irrigated with the muckums. Now that

the national government has undertaken to issue certificates of indebtedness, there will no doubt be much rejoicing in the Missouri Democracy of "Old Guard" antecedents that its invention for filling a void in the cash box has been vindicated. But there is a difference: the government certificates are made redeemable by the money received from the sale of lands placed under irrigation, while our own state certificates have been turned into a perpetual interest bearing debt.

Anyone who reads the news from Washington these days cannot but be impressed with the altogether obvious fact that there is a serious disagreement in the Republican ranks in Congress, which, it may be added, may be taken as a reflex of the condition of the party. When we see enough of the so-called Republican insurgents in the lower house acting with the Democrats to the serious interference with the procedure of the regular organization of the Republican majority, it is time to take notice of things in spite of the long-spun editorials of the "inspired" party papers that the insurgent movement does not amount to anything and that the Republican party will proceed undisturbed by a little ruction in the ranks. Perhaps this is true, but it would be just as well to look into the reason of this party dissension and, whatever it is, meet it in the spirit of fairness and with such concessions as may tend to cement the whole party in harmonious union again. It is true the Republican party has met similar dissensions before and successfully withstood them. In 1896 it read a goodly portion of its members out of the party on the silver question without much harm to itself, but let it be remembered that the conditions now are not the same as they were then, for the free silver movement alienated almost as many Democrats and drove them to act with the Republicans as that party lost to the Democrats. In the present case however we see the Democrats in congress lined up pretty solid and aggressive against Republican policies, and it is with this well-ordered fighting force that enough disaffected Republicans are allying themselves to upset the proceedings of the regular majority and the policies of the administration. While we are no sympathizer with the insurgent movement, we recognize the fact the neither one element or the other of this party strife has the monopoly of right on its own side. It is not probable that the insurgent Republicans are expressing simply their personal convictions in their actions, they have undoubtedly the support of a large constituency behind them, from which they have heard, and that what is going to count if the fight is to be carried up to the elections next fall. We have little patience with those big administration organs which contend that the only way to settle this matter is, that the insurgents must either give in or get out. History is full of political parties wrecked upon the rock of their own overbearance and arrogance. Having the support of their constituency, which is still Republican, the insurgency must have some justice in its cause, and the sincere regret of all Republicans who hold the welfare of their party uppermost is, that the insurgents have been driven to carry their cause to the party in opposition. This course of the regular faction of the Republicans in congress seems to be bringing recruits to the ranks of the insurgents and is opening a gap in the party that may let the enemy through to victory next fall. What the Republican party needs most of all just now is common sense in the leadership of both factions that will lend itself to mutual concessions and unity of action. Unless this happens and right speedily, the spirit of concord will take to wings beyond recall.

#### Letters By Telegraph.

Now, it is announced, we may send letters by telegraph, to be delivered in New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis or any other city the following morning, at the price here

fore charged for a brief, disjointed and frequently unintelligible jumble of sentences abbreviated for the purpose of economy. This marks another step in the commercial and social progress of the nation. Since the former visit of Halley's comet, easily within the memory of men and women now a little beyond the prime of life, the telegraph was discovered. Some sixty years ago Congress appropriated a comparatively modest sum to test the commercial possibilities of Mr. Morse's invention. We soon learn to regard these appliances and devices as commonplace and cease to view them retrospectively. The new red wagon of to day is left in the corner that we may play with the mechanical spinning top of to morrow.

The quest is ever for something newer and better. It always will be and always should be. If we were to become surfeited or satisfied the tendency would be toward retrogression. When one pauses to wonder what newer and greater things will be viewed by the comet when it returns again in three-quarters of a century, the thought is bound to come that the field of human endeavor has been fully covered. But this can not be so. The law of growth and progress can not be so fulfilled. Man knows to-day, as he has never before realized, that he is without limitation. —Menominee (Mich.) Leader.

#### Reminiscent and Otherwise.

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In December 1863 one company of cavalry of the 3d Mo. M. S. M. Cav., was stationed at Centerville, Mo., and early one morning, a week before Christmas, about 400 rebels ran in and surprised the little Union force and captured the whole outfit and rushed it off to the south.

The rest of the regiment being stationed at Pilot Knob, a battalion was ordered out in pursuit of the rebels after they had had a day's start, in the attempt to recover our men. This battalion, of which I was a member, was commanded by Major James Wilson and Capt. W. T. Hunter, and the instructions were to make a forced march, which means double quick time the most of the way, and a prospect of serious fighting in the end.

The captured men dreaded the result of the impending conflict, yet were anxious to be released; the pursuing force was equally anxious over the outcome of the meeting, yet pressed forward with all possible speed. Late on the afternoon of Christmas eve, down in Arkansas between two hills, the rebel force had pitched camp to get refreshment and rest. We ran upon them and got our boys back all safe, besides taking 114 of the enemy prisoners, and there was great rejoicing in our ranks.

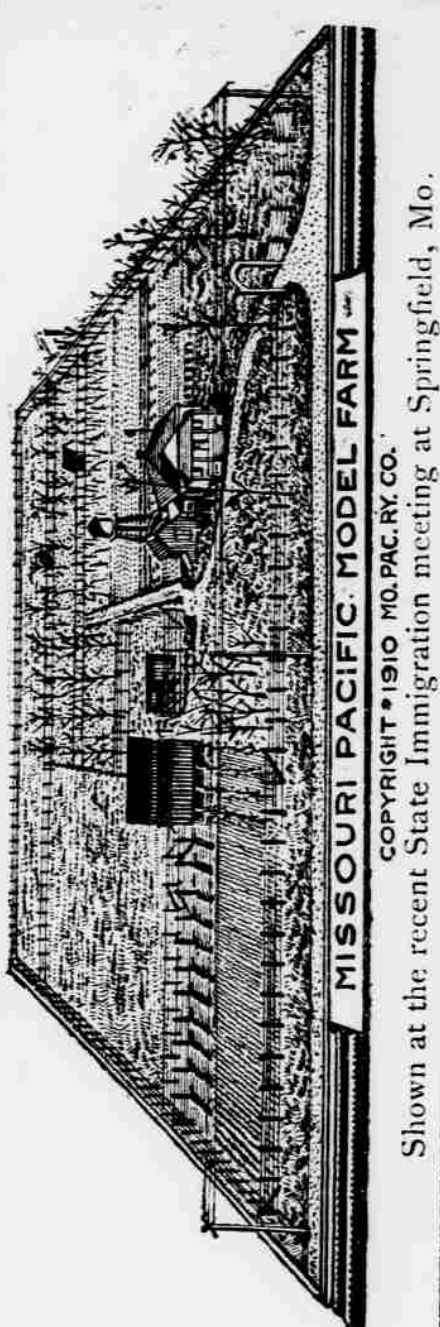
Now, nearly 47 years later, I am on another forced march at the hurry call of duty. Last Thursday night I received a message that my son, Montie, at Spokane, Wash., was in a dangerous condition, the Doctor saying that he had heart failure, and to come at once. I left Belgrade Friday morning and took the 3 p. m. train at Potosi that afternoon, the connecting train at Mineral Point was four hours late, and more than that by the time we reached St. Louis, where I found all the regular trains for the northwest gone.

In my distress a stranger came to my relief with the information that in nine minutes a fast special would leave for Kansas City, to which point it would beat the regular train to Spokane. I got my ticket and boarded the train just as it was pulling out from the station, and arrived in Kansas City early next morning in time to make my train connection.

As I am writing this, at noon Sunday, our train is running through Wyoming, and I have yet 150 miles before me on my long journey, dreading the outcome of it. I have had no further news from my son since leaving, but hope and pray that I may find him alive and better.

Yours in anxiety,  
F. M. ADAMS.

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#### The Wicked Fleas.

"Oh, papa?"  
"Yes, Tommy."  
"Is there a Christian flea?"  
"Why, what on earth ever put that idea into your head?"  
"The preacher read it today from the Bible—the wicked flea when no man pursueth."  
"Why, Tommy, that means that the wicked men flee—"  
"Then, papa, is there a wicked woman flea?"  
"No, no. It means that the wicked flees, runs away."  
"Why do they run?"  
"Who?"  
"The wicked fleas."  
"No, no! Don't you see? The wicked man runs away when no man is after him."  
"Is there a woman after him?"  
"Tommy, go to bed!"—Every body's Magazine.

#### Stopping the Paper.

She came down the street three steps at a time and sailed into the county newspaper office like a whirlwind. She waited for no ceremony, but wildly asked:  
"Is this the printing office?"  
"Yes, madam."  
"I want to stop my paper."  
"All right, madam."  
"Stop it right away, too."  
"It's stopped," we replied, making a blue line through her husband's name on the subscription list.  
"Mebbe that will learn you some boss sense and how to do the square thing next time, and not slight people just because they are poor. If some rich stuck up folks happen to have a bald headed, knock-kneed, cross-eyed brat born to 'em you're in an awful hurry to put it in the paper and make it out an angel, but when poor people have a baby you can't say a word about it, even if it is the purest child borned. That's what I'm stopping the paper fur. This ort to be a lesson to every paper in Missouri," and she went out of the office as mad as a wet hen.

#### HOT SPRINGS PREPARES FOR GREATEST YEAR.

Health Resort Anticipates 175,000 Visitors, With Room for More.

Hot Springs has prepared to receive 175,000 visitors during 1910. Already the roll of patrons, with less than two months gone, totals 36,000 and as a result it is predicted that the record of 161,000 will be exceeded by at least 14,000 persons. This, it is believed, will be the record for any similar health retreat, according to General Passenger Agent Payne of the Iron Mountain Railroad.

Consequently Hot Springs has become more than a mountain retreat and more than a fashionable playground, as a result of the marvelous cures effected by the world famous waters there.

This year a number of major league baseball teams train there. A large number of officers of the army and navy also are here and many states-

#### ANNOUNCEMENT FEES.

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For congress, \$25; for circuit judge, \$20; state senator, \$15; representative, \$5; collector, \$5, circuit clerk, \$5; prosecuting attorney, \$5; presiding judge, \$5; associate judges, \$5; county clerk, \$5. All announcements must be accompanied by the fee to insure their insertion.

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We are authorized to announce F. E. COLE, as a candidate for the office of Presiding Judge of the County Court, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the general primary election.

men and society folks have arrived.

Hot Springs is so well provided with large and well-fitted hotels that the city easily adjusts itself to the ever increasing throng.

Copies of the new beautifully illustrated book, "The Hot Springs of Arkansas," have been received and are being widely read. The book contains reproductions of photographs taken from almost inaccessible spots in the mountains and the small work is creating interest here among people who are familiar with the wonderful scenery. Complimentary copies of "The Hot Springs of Arkansas" are being mailed without charge to interested persons by B. H. Payne of the St. Louis office of the Iron Mountain Railroad. The work is so interesting to the average traveler that an extra edition will probably be necessitated.

The Hot Springs Golf and Country Club, organized under the auspices of the Business Men's League, is now open for the accommodation of visitors. The links are pronounced as fine as those of Florida.

#### A London Problem.

They are dealing with a psychological problem in London that is not on the cards. The "problem" is nothing less than a little baby boy in the Wickham workhouse, a scrag of a child only two years and four months old, who no sooner has to make any serious remark than he rolls forth such a string of unmitigated billingsgate that he petrifies all who hear him. He is described as a beautiful child with dark, soulful eyes, soft fair hair, chubby limbs and the face of an angel. At ordinary times he is the best of boys, but does anything upset his equanimity he brings into play such a volume of foul language that he quite contaminates the infant ward. Where the baby learned to curse and swear is the question. It has been so far a mystery, as his antecedents are unknown, and his age so tender his comprehension of the forms of language might well be of the slightest, but such does not appear to be the case. This little workhouse baby evidently knows what he is talking about.

#### The Duty of Rest and Play.

Rest is just as much a necessity of life as work is. In the face of the popular theory which supposes that work in itself is respectable unless it is proved to be wrong and that rest in itself is suspicious, that it must prove itself to be right; in the face of this popular theory, which is the theory of the spelling books, of careless talk and untrained consciences, I must remind you that Work and Rest have each its own place, and that neither must step beyond that place. In its right place and proportion Rest is as dignified, as creditable, as Work is.—Edward Everett Hale, 1857.

#### His Little Deal.

"Ha, ha!" exclaimed the boarder. "You actually bought a gold brick?"  
"Yes," answered the farmer, as he took the specimen tenderly and laid it on the mantelshelf. "All the city folks that came here expected to see one. It seemed like they wouldn't believe I was a regular farmer unless I could show a gold brick. So when I went to town and this was offered me I gave the fellow \$90 in Confederate money and a Canada quarter, which is cheaper than I could have made one myself."

#### Ants in Battle.

The pugnacity of ants leads them to amuse themselves during long intervals of peace by sham battles. They rise upon their back feet, wrestle, seize each other by the jaws or legs, mold on each other's backs, roll over and over and engage in other antics. Neighboring communities of ants are prone to engage in wars which continue through weeks and months, and usually end with the annihilation of the weaker community.

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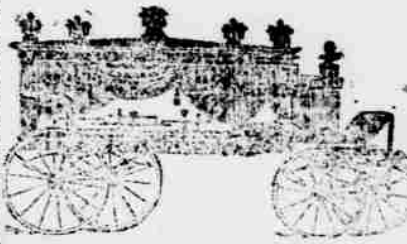
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